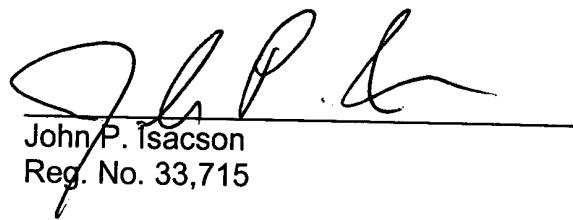


REMARKS

Claims 1 and 11-15 are pending in this application. A first office action on the merits is awaited.

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